Government has also forwarded a proposal for setting up to new greenfield airport at Kushinagar.

Greenfield airports in Andhra Pradesh

1220. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:
SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of regional Greenfield airports identified in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any technical team of Airports Authority of India (AAI) has visited Andhra Pradesh to finalise the location and alignment for these airports;

(c) if so, the details of the recommendations of the technical team of AAI; and

(d) the progress of construction of these airports so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) On the request of Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP), Airports Authority of India (AAI) has carried out the feasibility study of the proposed 8 sites for the development of Regional Airports by GoAP. AAI has recommended that the sites at Nellore (Nellore District), Ongole (Prakasam District), Ovakul Mandal (Kurnool District) and Jakrampalli Mandal (Nizamabad District) have been found feasible for establishment of new greenfield airports and other sites have not been found feasible. Report has been submitted to GoAP for taking further necessary action.

Defective parts used in aircrafts

1221. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that private airlines are releasing aircrafts for operations even when a non-vital part is not serviceable on the condition that the same would be replaced within the next ten days;

(b) if so, whether it has come to the notice of Government that to buy more time beyond ten days, such airlines take such a defective part form the one of their other plane after five to six days, thereby getting another ten days period from that point of time; and

(c) how many such or similar cases have come to the notice of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) till October 2009?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. Airlines are permitted to release the aircraft with non-vital parts being un-serviceable listed in the Minimum Equipment List (MEL), approved by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), since such parts do not affect the operational capability of the aircraft.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Only one case of M/s. Paramount Airways has come to the notice of DGCA in September, 2009.